

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF
CHIBOUT ET AL.

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/518,575

35 USC §371 DATE: 22 DECEMBER 2004

FOR: MARKER GENES FOR DETERMINING RENAL TOXICITY

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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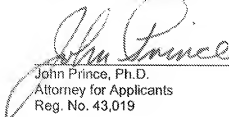
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of August 6, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 6, 2007. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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